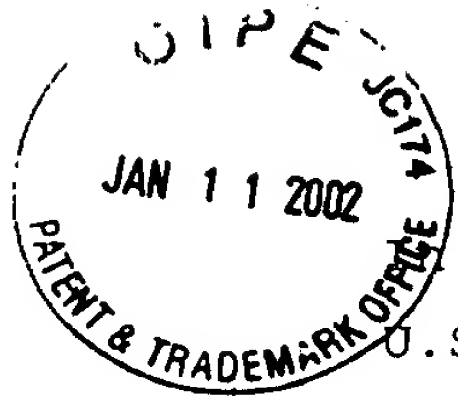


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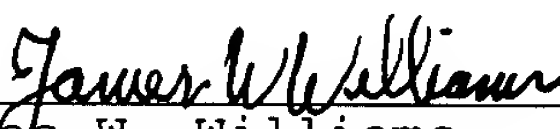
Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, dated July 11, 2001, be extended for three months to January 11, 2002.

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